

HOWARD TOURS

2008 WEST AFRICA PROJECT FAIR AND NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAY COTE d'IVOIRE

November 04 - November 13, 2008
Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)



This journey will be a landmark event in your Rotary experience. It may be your last chance to give the two drops of the polio vaccine that will change a child's future. Filled with high Rotary purpose and accomplishment, this trip will introduce you to new friends, and give you new opportunities to create humanitarian projects while advancing Rotary's objective of world peace and understanding.



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Howard Tours

Founded in 1948, Howard Tours has been operating tour programs throughout the world for six decades. Thousands of Rotarians have traveled with us to participate in polio eradication programs, wheelchair deliveries, and humanitarian relief missions.

Howard Tours is a tour company, and not a travel agency. We do not resell tours from other companies. Instead, we select and purchase the travel services directly from the airlines, hotels, sightseeing companies, etc. We then sell these tours directly to our customers. As such, you are ensured of the greatest travel value.

Rotary Purpose

Our West African hosts have opened their arms to receive us by helping to create a unique and exceptional itinerary. In addition to our participation in the West Africa Rotary Project Fair (WAPF) and Cote d'Ivoire's polio immunization program, we will participate in special humanitarian programs created by the local Rotarians.

The purpose of this trip is to: Work with the West African Rotarians to identify possible Rotary Foundation projects that can further Rotary's goal of world understanding and peace; Create strong friendships with the West African Rotarians, and Eradicate polio,

During our visit, all participants will be expected to attend all official programs, including the Polio Immunization Program and West Africa Project Fair activities, etc.

Interest in this tour has been overwhelming. We expect it to sell-out quickly. Membership is limited, and will be confirmed, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Passport, Visa and Health Requirements

U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport. The cost of securing your passport, and any required inoculations or visas are not included in the tour price. It is your responsibility to apply and pay for the following items:

U.S. Passport: Must be valid at least six months after your scheduled return to the U.S.

Inoculations: The Center for Disease Control (<http://www.cdc.gov>) indicates that there is a **Yellow fever vaccination requirement** for travelers to Côte d'Ivoire. They also recommend that U.S. citizens take precautions against malaria and other diseases. Please consult your physician or travel doctor to determine the precautions appropriate for you.

Visas: Currently US citizens are NOT required to have a visa to enter Cote d'Ivoire.

Special Note: Due to Air France airfare rules, no changes in the flight itinerary are permitted for the airfare included in the tour price. If you want to change your flight itinerary, Howard Tours will assist you in purchasing regular retail airfare. For those who prefer to secure their own airfare, the price of the "Land Only Tour" is \$1,789, per person based upon double occupancy, sharing one bed. Tour members who purchase the Land Only Tour will receive all services quoted in this folder, except: (1) Roundtrip airfare between the U.S. city and Abidjan; and (2) Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers in Abidjan, UNLESS, the traveler is able to join the scheduled group transfers between the airport and the hotel. **Please Note:** The number of passengers who will be able to purchase this tour without air is limited. Please contact Howard Tours **before** purchasing an airline ticket to confirm availability.

To request Land Only option, please write this request in the upper right hand corner of the application.



11 Days – Only \$3,429, Per Person, Single Bedded Room
For Single Room, Add \$650
Only \$3,699 Per Person, Twin Bedded Room

Tue., Nov. 4 - Depart Detroit or Washington D.C. on an Air France Airlines flight to Paris, France.

Wed., Nov. 5 - Arrive in Paris/Abidjan: Morning arrival in Paris, where our group will connect with your afternoon flight to Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Upon our arrival, our group will be transferred to our accommodations at the first-class **Hotel Tiama**, which includes daily breakfasts.

Thu., Nov. 6 – Abidjan: This morning we will explore Abidjan, with visits to the prominent site, including the artisan's center to shop for local arts and crafts. An Intercity Rotary lunch will be included as a tour event. This afternoon, we will visit the U.S. Embassy for a briefing. This evening is free for individual enjoyment. .

Fri., Nov. 7 - West Africa Project Fair: This morning, we will attend the opening ceremony of the West Africa Project Fair, followed by all day participation in its seminars and programs. Lunch is included in the Project Fair. We will enjoy a special dinner event this evening

Sat., Nov. 8 – West Africa Project Fair: Today, we will enjoy all day visits to the individual project booths at the West Africa Project Fair. Lunch is included in the Project Fair. Tonight we will enjoy a special dinner event and show.



Sun., Nov. 9 - Polio Immunization Activities: Today, our group will divide into smaller groups to be paired with the Abidjan Rotary Clubs to go out into the neighborhoods and villages of Abidjan for all day polio vaccination activities. Lunch is provided by our local hosts. This evening is free for a no host dinner with local Rotarians or other group members.

Mon., Nov. 10 - Abidjan: The objectives of today's events are to create friendships and expose our Rotarians to the humanitarian programs of the Abidjan clubs. Again, in small groups, our Rotarians will go into the local communities to visit the humanitarian programs of the local Rotary clubs. Lunch is provided by our local host. This evening, the local Rotarians will host individual dinner events..

Tue., Nov. 11 - Abidjan - Today, we will enjoy all day sightseeing to the seaside town of Grand Bassam, to visit a traditional market, old colonial buildings and sites, the museum of traditional costumes and the local market. Lunch will be provided by local Rotarians. This evening, we will enjoy a farewell dinner event with the Abidjan Rotarians.

Wed., Nov. 12 - Abidjan/Depart for Home. Today will be free to enjoy shopping and free time before our evening departure on a Air France flight to Paris.

Thu., Nov. 13 - Paris/Detroit or Washington DC: Early morning arrival in Paris to connect with a nonstop Air France flight back to the United States.

PAYMENTS: Send \$400 per person, payable ONLY by check with application. Check to be made payable to: "**Howard Tours, Trustee Account**". Specify "**WAPF 08 Rotary Tour**" on the check. Remaining payments are due upon request.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Bank Trustee Account and Financial Responsibilities: Payments are deposited in a Bank of America, Grand Lake Branch, Oakland, California, trustee account, used exclusively for this program. By law, Howard Tours cannot and will not use these funds for any purpose other than to defray the program costs. While the money is in the bank, Bank of America, and NOT Howard Tours, is custodian of the funds. When the travel service companies are paid, Howard Tours will have met its financial and trustee obligation for the travel services involved.

Per Person Tour Prices Include: 1) Roundtrip economy class airfare on the specified itinerary; (2) Double occupancy hotel accommodations; (3) Meals and special events specified in the itinerary; (4) Private motorcoach sightseeing and transfers; (5) English speaking guide throughout; (6) Entrance fees; (7) Tips to local guides, drivers and hotel porters; (8) West Africa Project Fair registration; (9) Polio eradication and other special Rotary events and values as stated in the itinerary; and (10) Other Rotary and tour materials.

Prices do NOT include: (1) Airfares, except where noted; (2) Passport and visa fees, if any; (3) Local airport departure taxes not included in the airline ticket; (4) All insurance; (5) All personal expenses, (e.g., phone, laundry, etc.); (6) All health and medical services, and related expenses; (7) All required travel immunizations, and related expenses; (8) Refunds for missed or unused services; (9) Accommodations in excess of the nights listed in the itinerary; (10) Overnight delivery fees or delivery fees for clients outside the continental U.S.; (11) Meals not specified in the tour itinerary.

Conditions of Prices: Prices are based on airfares, taxes, fuel surcharges, and the relative value between the U.S. dollar and the currencies of the countries listed when the tours are priced and the folder is printed. If the exchange rates, airfares, or other travel costs change, the traveler may be assessed any extra charges, or refunds.

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Responsibility Clause: Howard Tours of Oakland, California, operates these programs as an agent for the travelers who join them, and for the various companies which perform services on land, sea and in the air. Individuals apply for membership and are accepted in these programs on the conditions that Howard Tours and its officers will not be responsible for irregularities, omissions, acts, events, or for any additional expenses due to delays, strikes, military action, riots, airplane hi-jacking, civil disorders, losses, injuries, sickness, damage, political action, and/or other matters related to any personal or property involving any facility, transport services, personnel and/or activity in the operations of this program. Because Howard Tours has no control over flights, sailings, rail schedules, and connections between flights, Howard Tours does not accept any responsibilities for these services. Air tickets, and the related tariff conditions filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board, constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of the travel program.

Hotel Accommodations: Most West African hotel rooms have only one king/queen sized bed per room. Typically, two single men or two single women will share the bed in these rooms. Howard Tours has secured **all** of the twin bedded rooms available at the Hotel Tiama, which is the **ONLY** high quality Abidjan hotel that has twin bedded rooms. The price of these twin bedded rooms is more than a single bedded room. When selecting your hotel accommodations, you can either select single occupancy, two people sharing a room with a single bed, or two people sharing a room with twin beds. We have a limited number of twin bedded rooms which will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

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